The South 40

Conservation tillage: the advantages are numerous

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EXTENSION AGENT

Conservation tillage and its many aspects are being strongly considered by many producers. There are a number of reasons for moving in this direction, but three stand out: 1) Lower fuel cost; 2) Fewer man and machine hours required; 3) Reduces soil losses.

Tuesday, March 27, at 1 p.m., we'll have a tour looking at no-til wheat and balage. The wheat was seeded with a Marliss drill in wheat stubble that had been sprayed with a herbicide.

Balage is a process that takes hay that is 50 to 60 percent moisture, rolls it and puts in plastic bags. We are not recommending this process in '84, but there are some who want to try it. Our purpose will be to provide you with all the information we have on how to successfully store hay using this process.

The site is located on the old Moses Farm, just off U.S. 460. If travelling west on U.S. 460, turn left .4 mile beyond Lawson Ford (across from Holiday Inn sign). If travelling east on U.S. 460, turn right .3 mile from Police Tower Road (Route 615).

Small grain and hay producers are urged to attend as this will likely be two practices you will be doing in a few years-maybe even this year.

Seeding a lawn? Want to use something that is finer textured the Ky 31 fescue? There are several new fine textured fescues now on the market. Don't confuse them with creeping red fescues--they tolerate sunlight quite well. The varieties that we are recommending are: Clemfine, Falcon, Olympic and Rebel.

Currently there is legislature that could affect farmers driving trucks 5,000 plus miles per year with loads of 33,000 pounds plus on July 1, 1984. The tax would increase from $240 to as much as $1900 by 1988. A substitue proposal has been introduced to gradually increase diesel fuel tax from current 9 cents to eventually 14 cents per gallon. Automobiles, vans and pick-ups under 10,000 pounds would not be affected by the substitute proposal.

There are three job opportunities as a tobacco Extension Technician for 10 weeks this summer for college students who are enrolled in agriculture and have completed their sophomore year. We have the announcement if you are interested.

Last Wednesday there were 535 steers sold at the special feeder sale in Lynchburg. The lighter weight steers weighed 534 pounds, but for the most part they weighed 600 to 1,000 pounds. $72 was the top price, while most were in the 60's. the steers averaged 749 pounds and averaged $62.50.

Appomattox County Farm Bureau is sponsoring a conservation tillage contest this year. Clark Lewis is chairman of this event. Get an entry form and be a participant this year.

The Appomattox Cattlemen will meet April 3 at Elon Baptist Church. There will be a representative from Merck and Company to discuss the new medication that controls 12 kinds of worm, grub, lice and mites. This new product will have a major impact on beef production. If you are not a member of the Cattlemen's Association, but would like to attend, you would be welcomed--just let us know so that adequate food can be prepared.

Gifted Math Students

APPOMATTOX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AND APPOMATTOX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL are developing a joint program for mathematically gifted students. ACHS students under the direction of Mrs. Linda Archer are presenting interesting math topics to students in grades 3-6 at AES each Monday from 3:15 to 4 p.m. Topics planned for discussion are algebra, intergers, geometry and probability. Shown here are Jo Ellen Garrett (at blackboard), LaDelle Wright and Linda Archer (far right) teaching a group of AES students.

Chestnut Grove community news notes

Kemper M. Beasley, Sr. returned home Saturday from Virginia Baptist Hospital and is improving. His visitors during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morris, the Rev. Glyn Coleman, Milton Skinner, Leslie Phaup, Alfred Woodie, all of Farmville; Mrs. C.H. Morris, Mrs. Don Morris, Mrs. Ralph Repass, Ms. Joan Price and Earl Beasley all of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Simpson of Prospect; Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. V.C. Proffitt and Ethel, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baldwin, all of Dillwyn.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shumaker on the birth of a son born Sunday March 11 at Southside Community Hospital in Farmville.

Mrs. Alice Senger and Mrs. May Weakley of Appomattox visited their brother Floyd Pope in M.C.V. Hospital in Richmond Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. V.C. Proffitt were Wednesday visitors of Mrs. C.D. Proffitt at Charlottesville.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan in the death of his sister, Mrs. Elsie Megginson of Appomattox Thursday.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A.N. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. George Shumaker of Brookneal.

Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur St. John were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith, Claudine O'Brien, all of Appomattox; Mrs. W.T. Cook of Dillwyn.

The Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Senger and family and Preston Senger all of Crewe were visitors of Mrs. Alice Senger during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bryan and Caleb attended the American Pork Congress in Kansas City, Missouri last week.

Mr. and Mrs. V.C. Proffitt were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jamerson of Appomattox and Tommy Motley and Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Motley, all of Burkeville.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Lunsford, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rice, Paul Lunsford and son, Clarence, all of Crewe.

Mrs. Billy Morris and Rodney of Richmond were weekend visitors of Mrs. Ruby Morris and Billy Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Faron Holland of Newport News spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris and Mr. and Mrs. William Holland of Andersonville.

The Chestnut Grove Homemakers Club met Wednesday, March 7 at the clubhouse with ten members present.

Sunday night visitors of Mr. and Mrs. V.C. Proffitt were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Marks of Curdsville.

Mrs. Dale Senger is a patient in the University Hospital in Charlottesville. We wish her a speedy recovery.

'Cowpens' reunion set

Crewman from the U.S.S. Cowpens, a World War II aircraft carrier, will hold their 41st reunion June 20-24 at Cowpens, S.C.

All shipmates are asked to contact Mrs. W. Dearybury, P.O. Box 10, Cowpens, S.C., 29330 for details about the reunion and a newsletter.

Farmville Market to open Sunday

The Farmville Area Market will open Sunday, March 18th-two weeks earlier than usual. It will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the New Randolph Tobacco Warehouse located on U.S. Rt. 460 three miles west of Farmville.

There will be plentiful flea market items, bedding plants, handmade crafts, flowers and shrubs, ceramics, household items, new and used furniture, collectibles and authentic antiques and other seasonal items.

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John Vannoy assigned

to Lowry AFB in Colorado

Airman John G. Vannoy, son of Betty V. Hamlin and stepson of Phil Hamlin of Appomattox, Va., has been assigned to Lowry Air Force Base, Colo., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the munitions and weapons maintenance field.

He is a 1982 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

James F. Lewis completes basic training at Fort Dix

Army Pvt. James F. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Lewis, Sr., and grandson of Lucina Lewis, all of rural Route 1, Spout Spring, Va., has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1983 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

MISS MARY JO KRUFKA'S sixth grade class at Appomattox Elementary School has been studying the Middle Ages. Latisha Wooten brought a castle as her project. This castle was unique because it was edible! The class certainly enjoyed this "taste" of the Middle Ages.

Regional science fair scheduled

The sixth annual Central Virginia Regional Science Fair will be held March 31 at Sweet Briar College. Students from schools in the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell and the City of Lynchburg will compete in the Fair. Local businesses, area colleges, and school divisions are sponsors of the Fair.

The Central Virginia Regional Fair stimulates interest among high school students in many areas of science. It enables them to develop their abilities through creativity and scientific enterprise as shown in their projects. The categories for entries are Behavioral and Social Sciences, Biochemistry, Botany, Chemistry, Earth and Space Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics and Computers, Medicine and Health, Microbiology, Physics, Zoology, Environmental Sciences.

The fair is endorsed by Science Clubs of America, administered by Science Service. It is associated with the International Science and Engineering Fair which is conducted by Science Service.

This regional science fair brings together the best students projects from the participating high schools representing five school divisions in Central Virginia. The two students chosen for grand awards will represent this region of Virginia in the thirty-fifth International Science and Engineering Fair which will be held in Columbus, Ohio in May.

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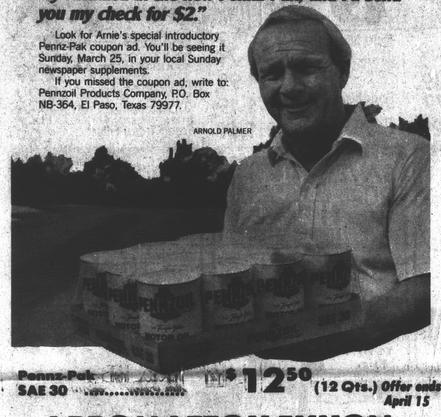

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CVCC plans home-study courses

Beginning with its spring quarter, Central Virginia Community College will offer home study courses through its Extended Learning Institute (ELI).

College officials have determined that many potential students cannot attend regularly-scheduled classes because of work-shift rotations, uncertain transportation or travel distance, or because of duties at home.

As well, many adults have already developed self-discipline enough to undertake self-paced ELI coursework on a flexible schedule, allowing them to take advantage of travel and recreational opportunities, social and business obligations, and family needs as they study.

Professor Eduardo Peniche has been coordinating self-paced, self-study courses for the last 3 years, already, at CVCC. The courses have been foreign-language courses in German, Chinese, Japanese, and others for which it is prohibitively expensive to establish and maintain a classroom structure for the small numbers of students who are interested in such courses.

However, with basic instructional materials, audio-visual aids, native speakers in the Lynchburg area helping with the instruction, and carefultesting, Peniche says that the college has provided exotic, good-quality instruction in several languages for 43 students over three years, many of them business people who without the opportunity to attend a regularly-scheduled class even if there were one.

"Now that we have experience with the process and assurance that there is substantial interest in self-study coursework, we are offering two courses during the Spring--"Human Relations" and "A Survey of the Principles and Policies of the American Economic System"--which are basic program requirements in many of CVCC's curricula," Peniche said.

For more information about the ELI concept or the Spring course offerings, call Ed Peniche or Susan Sanders at CVCC, 239-0821.

Pannell wins math contest

Marcellus Pannell, a tenth-grade honor roll student at William Campbell High School, won first place in the Virginia Mathmetics League Contest recently. Students taking the test were in grades 9-12.

Marc is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Pannell of Red House. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Junior Pannell of Red House, and Mrs. Arlene Armistead of Brookneal. His great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill of Brookneal.

Marc plans to attend the University of Virginia when he completes high school.

For nursing students

Scholarships now available

Virginia nurses are now eligible for scholarships through the American Cancer Society, Virginia Division, Inc.

The Hope Scholarship Program has been established to foster formal nursing education at the baccalaureate and graduate levels. Any Virginia nurse (R.N. or L.P.N.) seeking a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing or any Virginia nurse seeking a graduate degree (Master's Degree in Nursing or Doctoral Degree with relevance to nursing practice) is eligible to apply.

Criteria for application include residency in Virginia, current license to practice in Virginia, enrollment in or applying to a National League of Nursing accredited B.S.N. program or an accredited graduate or post-graduate program, and demonstrated interest in oncology nursing.

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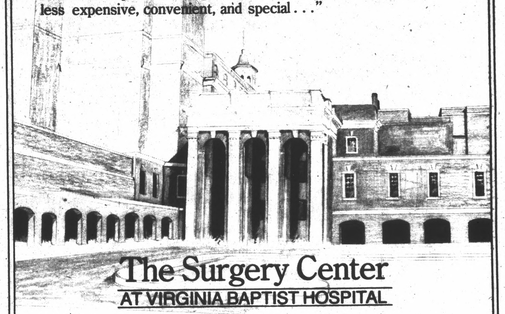

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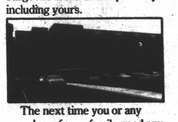

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